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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview.

County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information.

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Today

- Elevated/critical fire weather conditions across **E NM/W TX** into the **TX/OK** Panhandles.

Thursday

- Elevated fire weather conditions across **S NM** into far **W TX**.

Friday

- Strong/severe thunderstorms possible across **NE TX/NW LA** into **SE OK/SW AR**.
 - Hail and damaging winds are the primary threats

Saturday - Sunday

- No Significant Weather Impacts expected.

River Flood Status

- Moderate flooding continues on the **Trinity River**, the **Neches River** and on the **Lower Sabine River** at the **TX/LA** border.
- Rivers have crested and moderate flooding continues in **SW LA** on the **Calcasieu River**.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

April 4, 2018 – April 8, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Strong/Severe Storms			NETX/NW LA into SE OK/SW AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	E NM/WTX TX/OK Panhandles	S NM into far WTX			
Winter					
River Flooding	SE TX/SW LA				
	E LA				

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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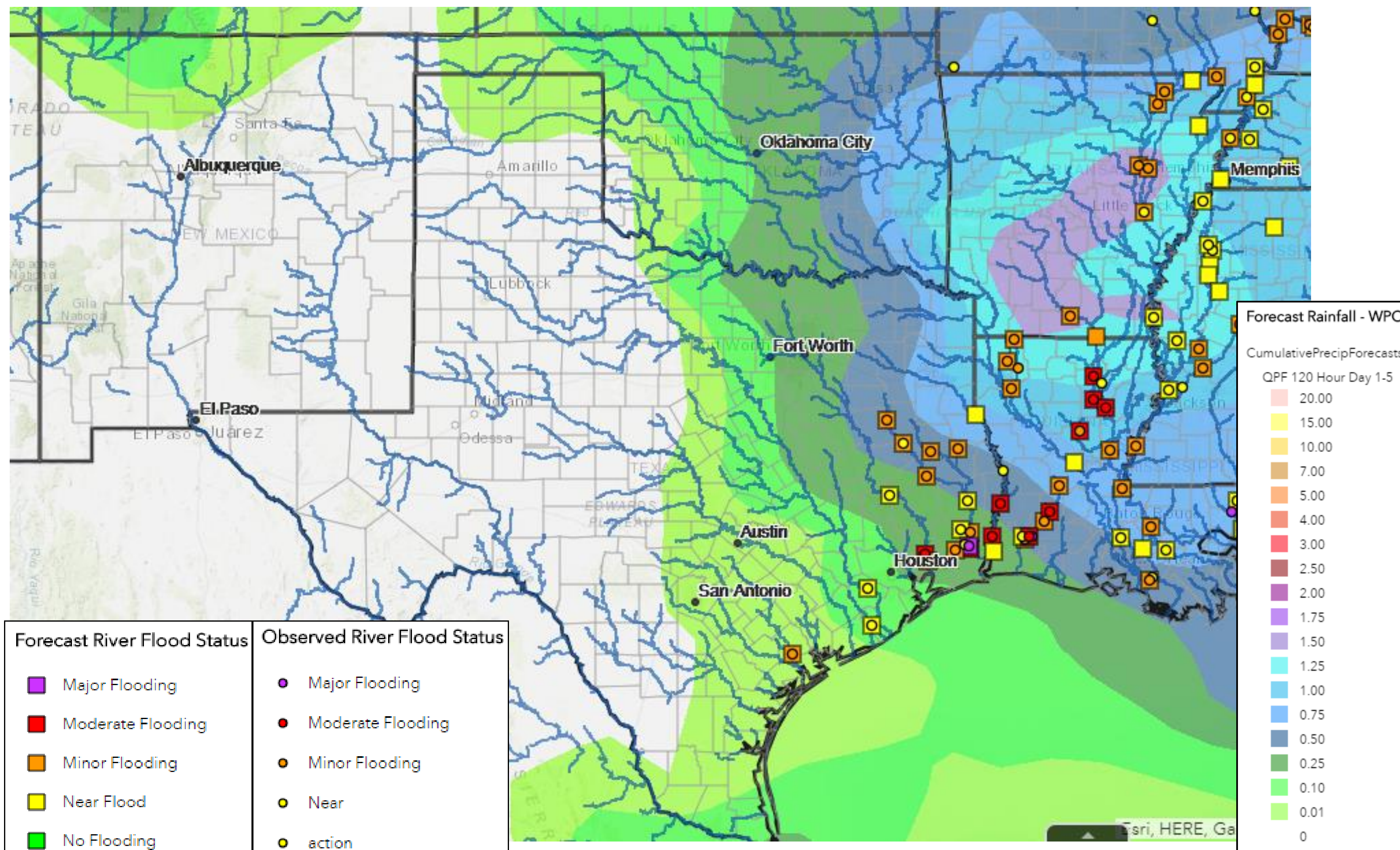
***For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to
the last slide in this briefing.***

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



- Moderate flooding continues on the Trinity River, the Neches River and on the Lower Sabine River.
- The Calcasieu River has crested and is in moderate flood stage today with no additional impacts.

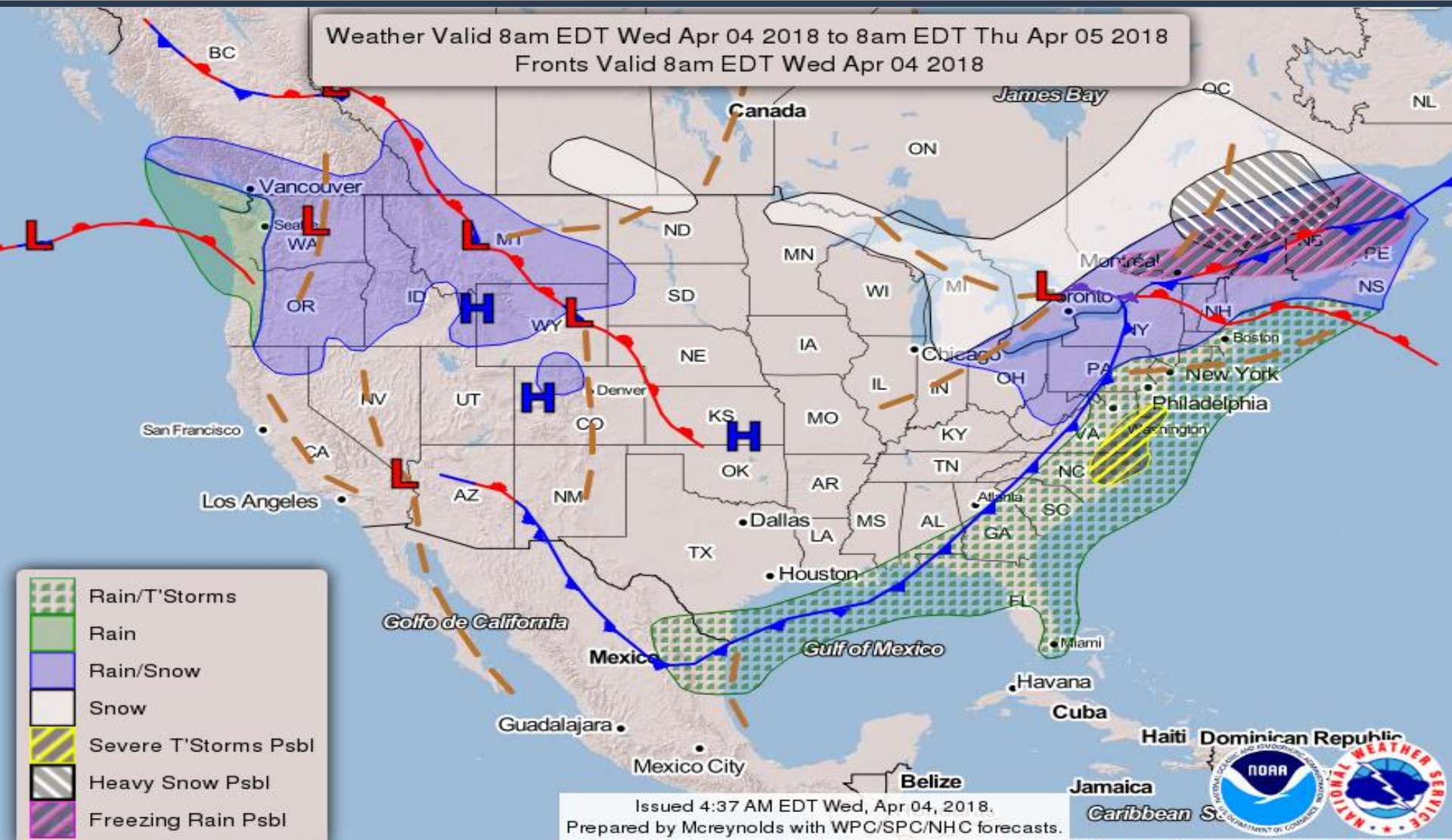
- Isolated Moderate flooding continues for the Ouachita NE LA. Impacts to agricultural areas.

Today's Weather

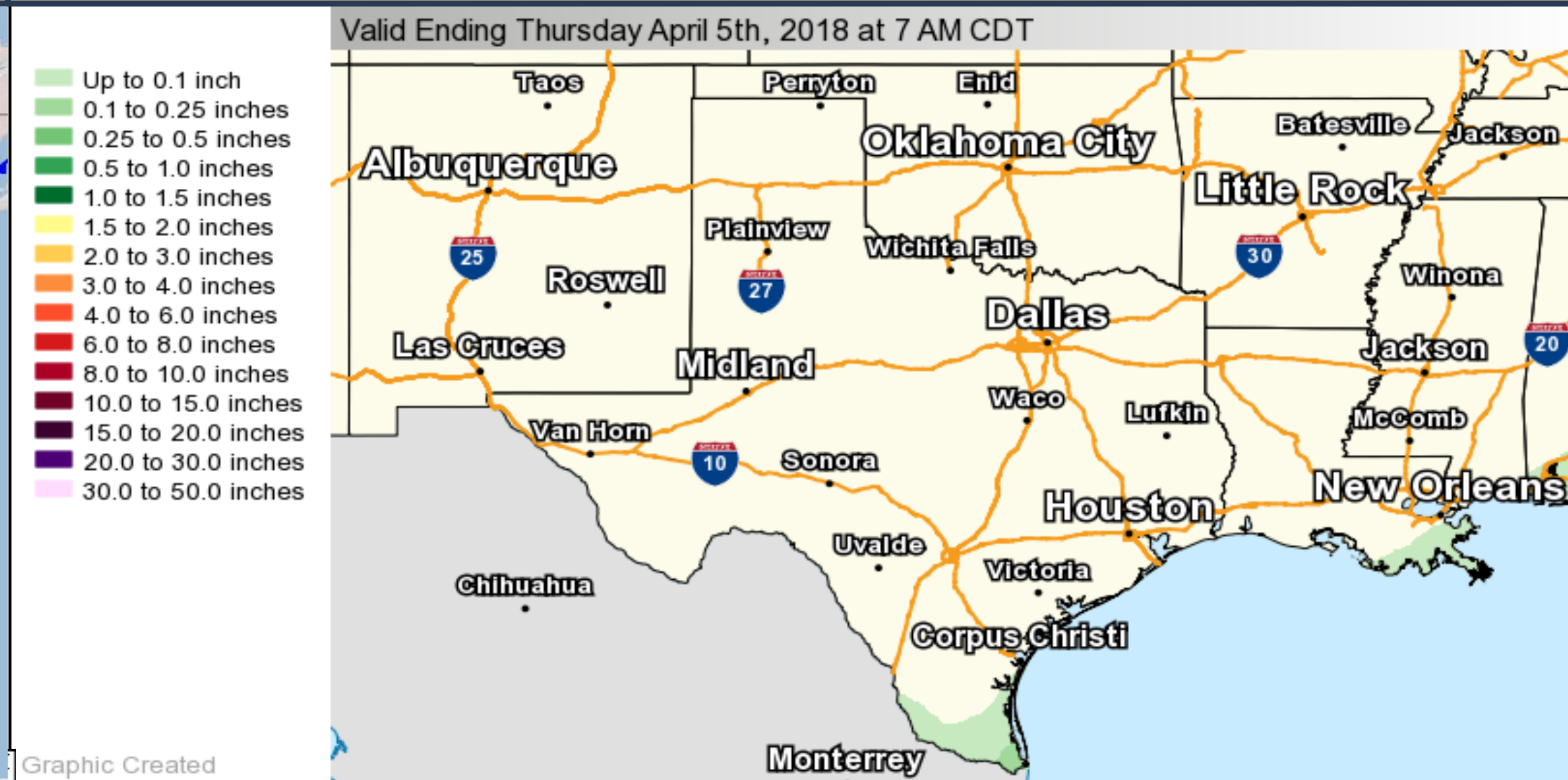


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Forecast Chart

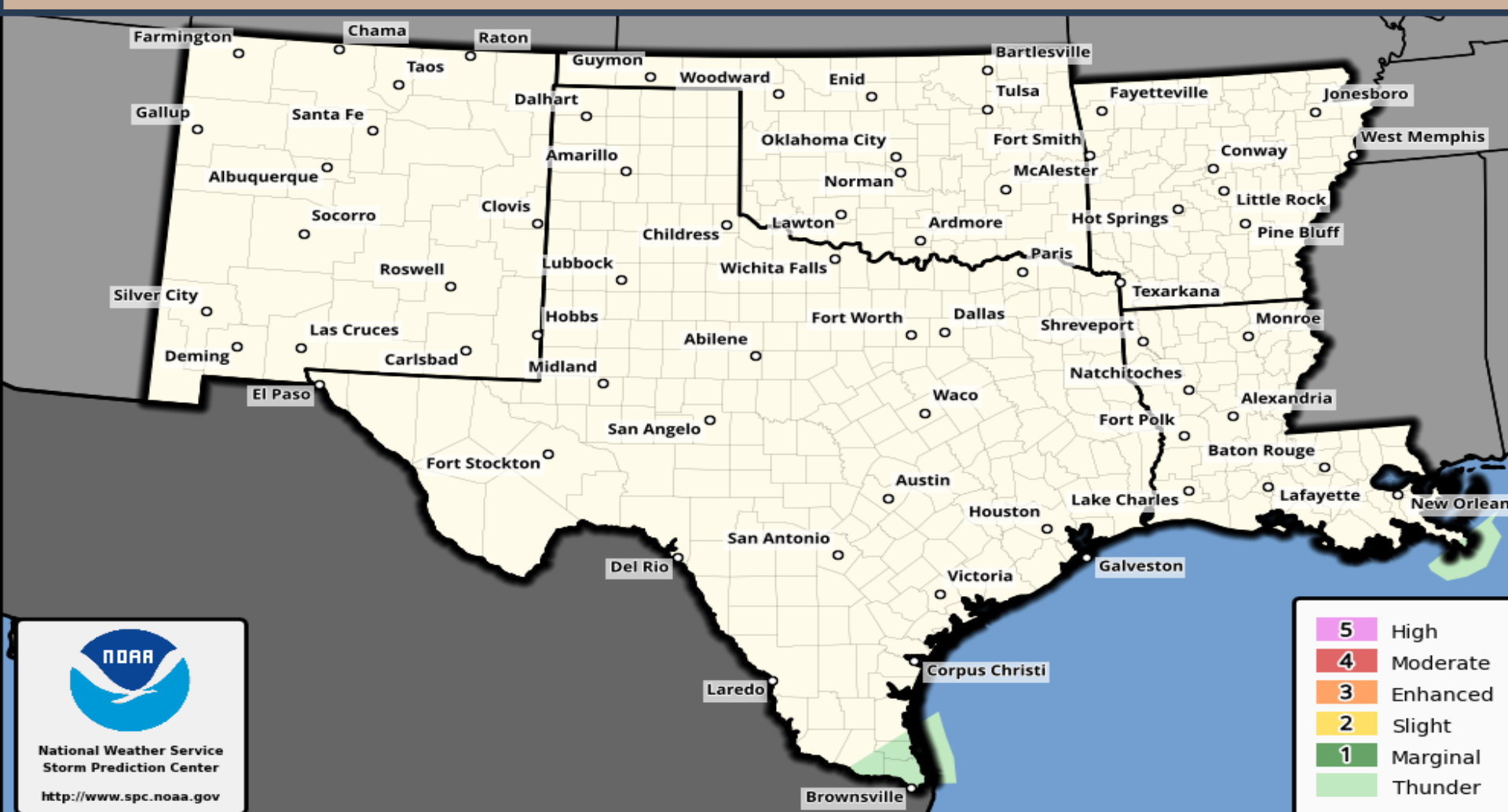


Forecasted Rainfall



No significant weather impacts.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

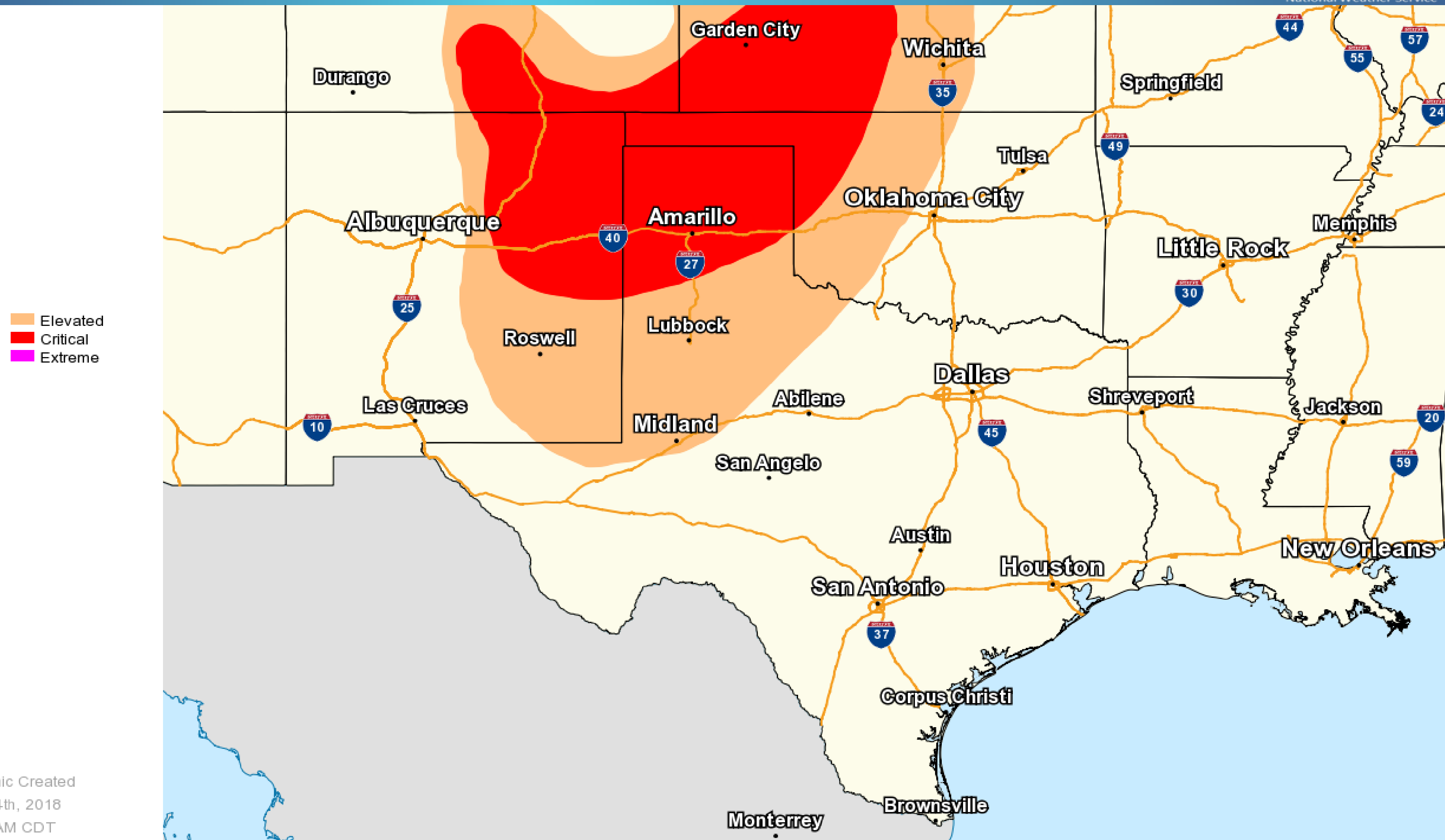


Today's Fire Weather



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Today's Fire Weather Outlook



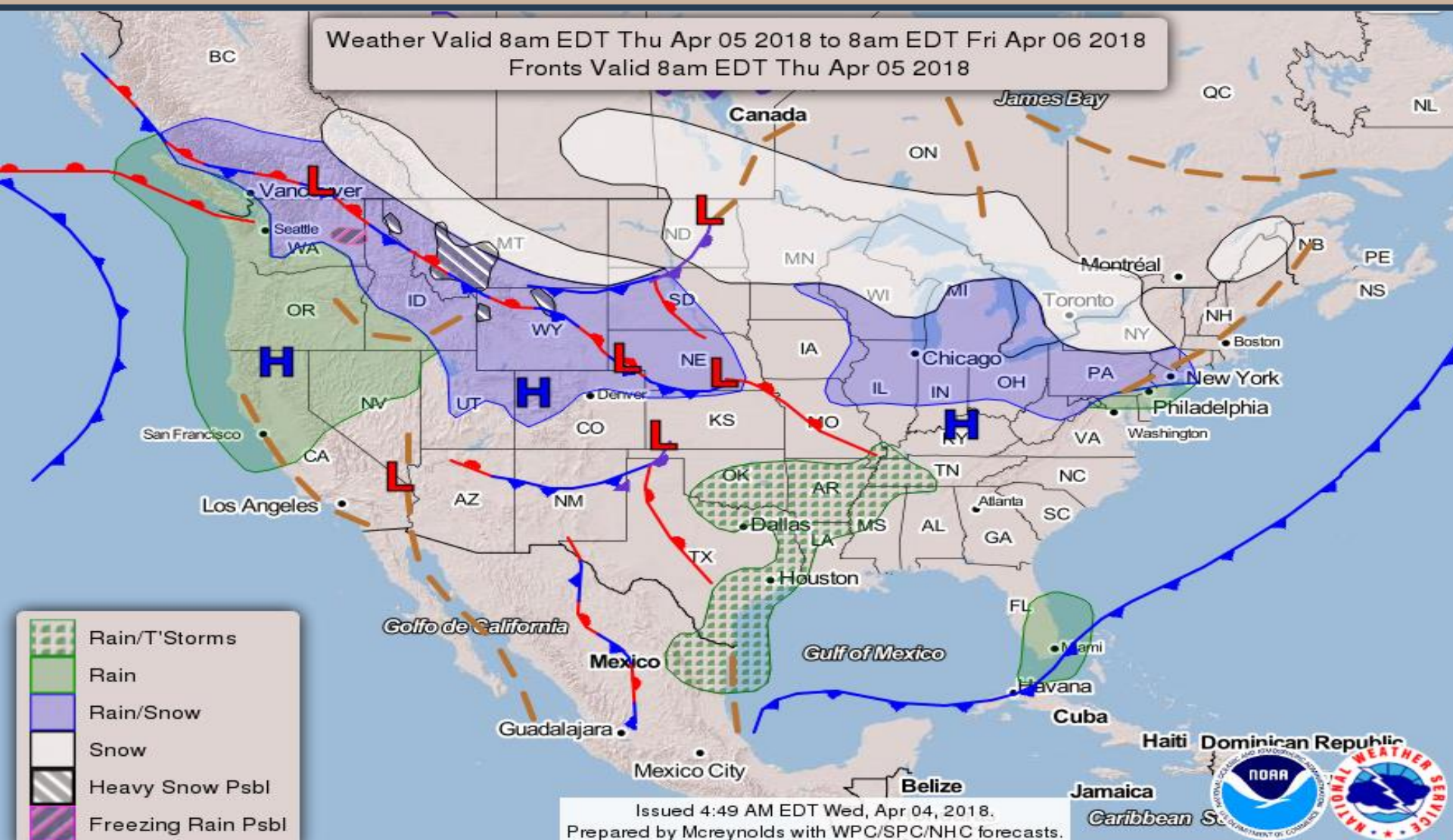
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Tomorrow's Weather

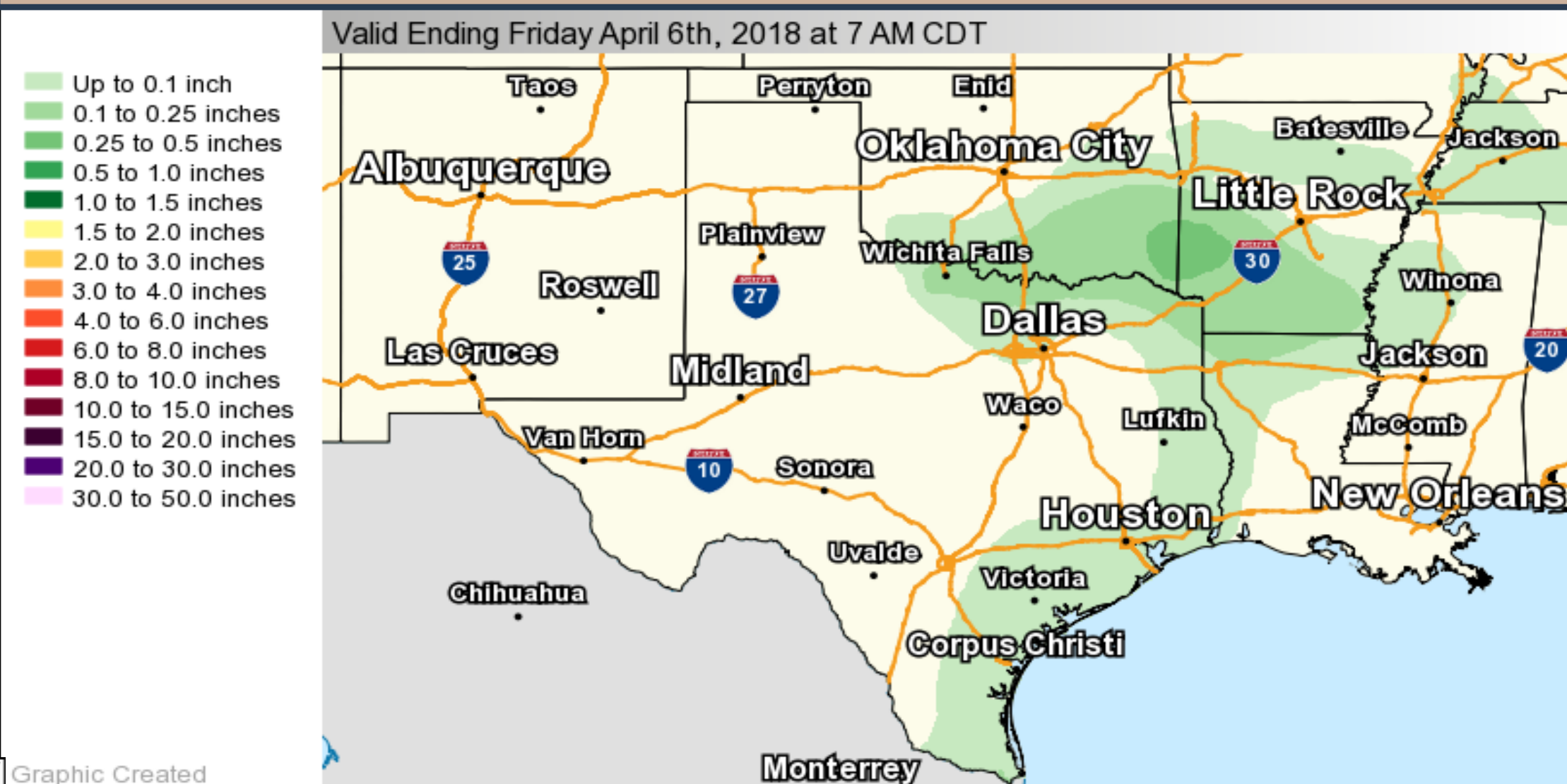


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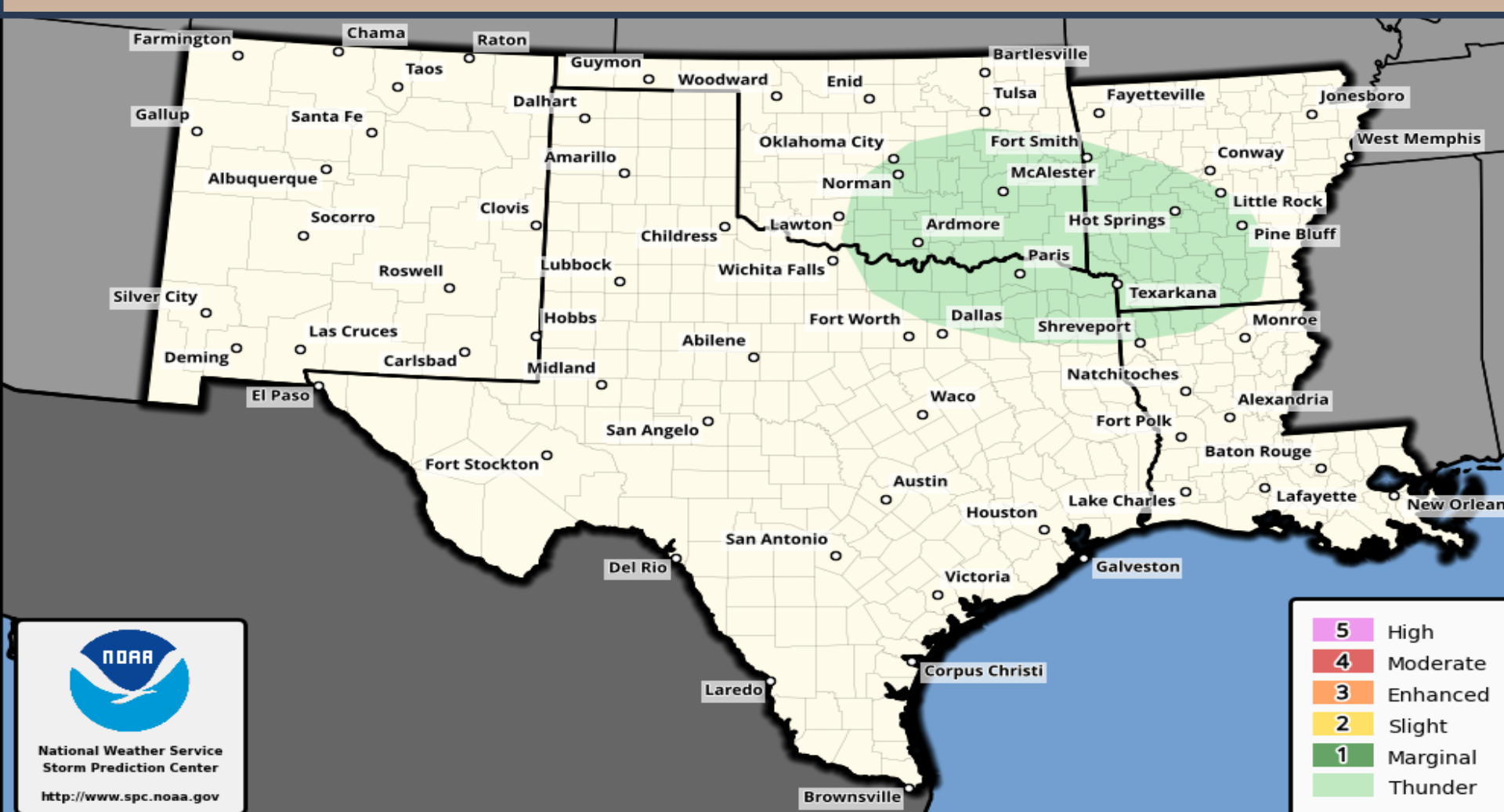


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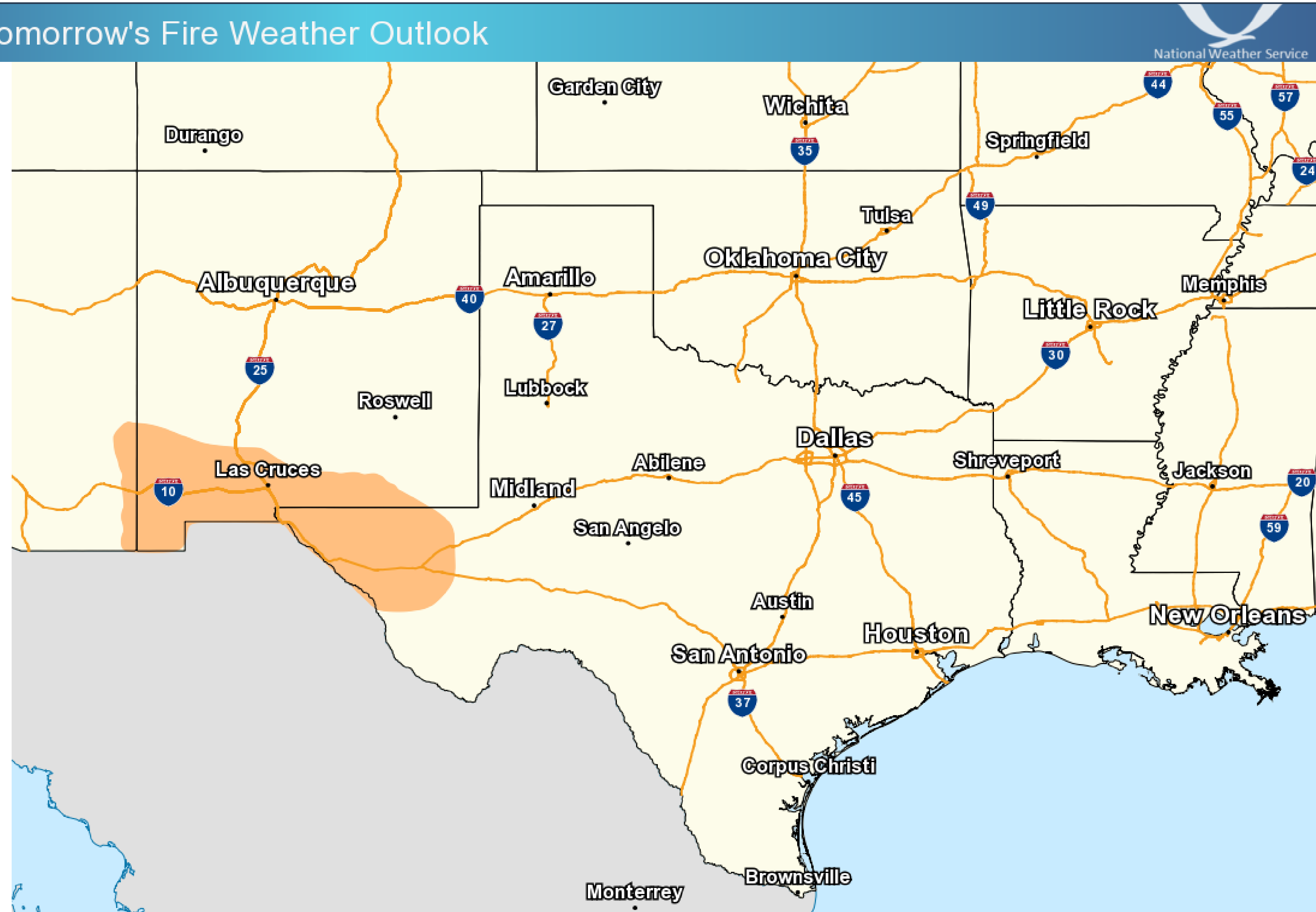
Tomorrow's Fire Weather



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Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook

Orange Elevated
Red Critical
Pink Extreme



**Elevated fire weather
conditions across S NW,
extreme W TX.**

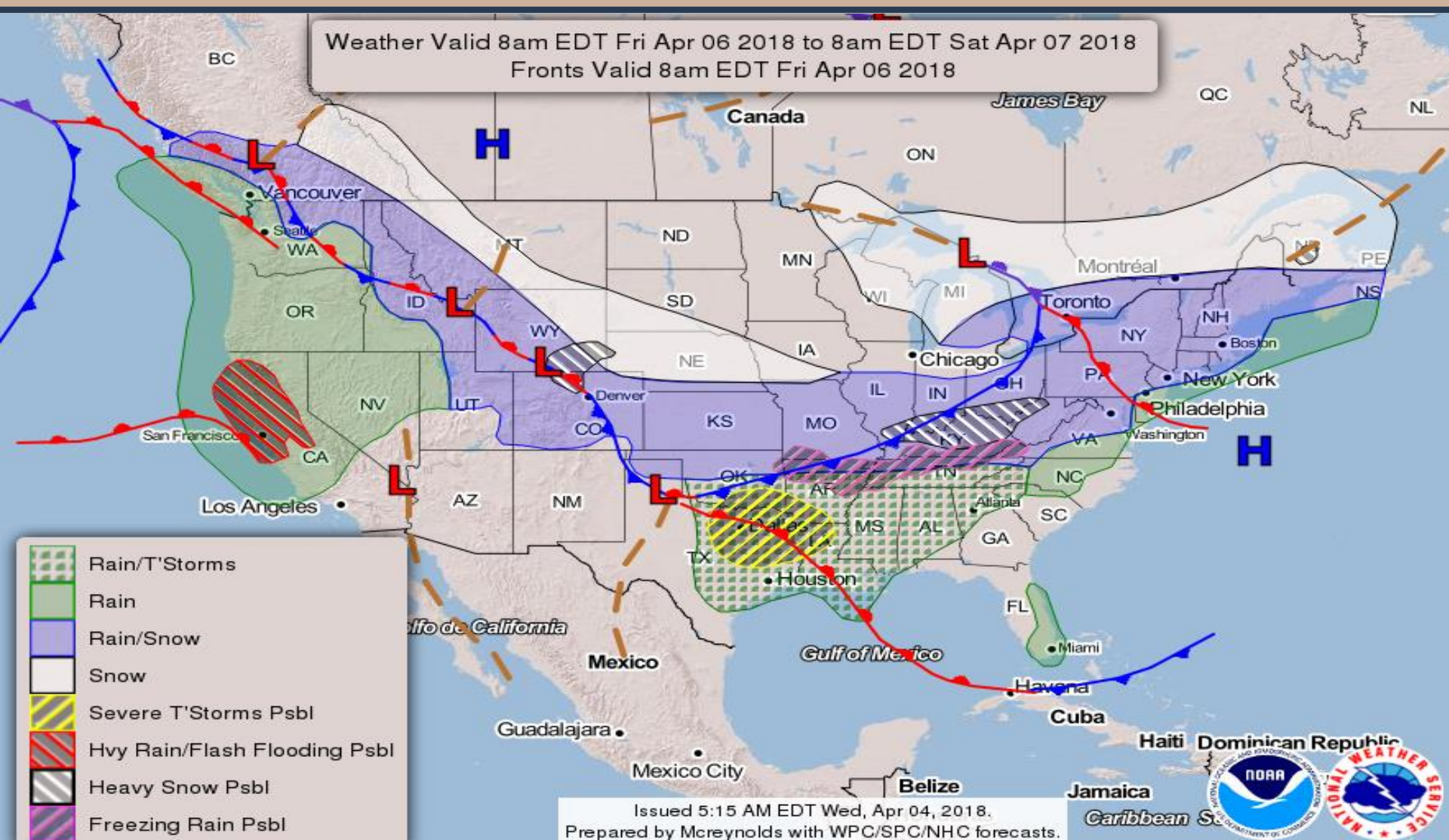
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Friday's Weather

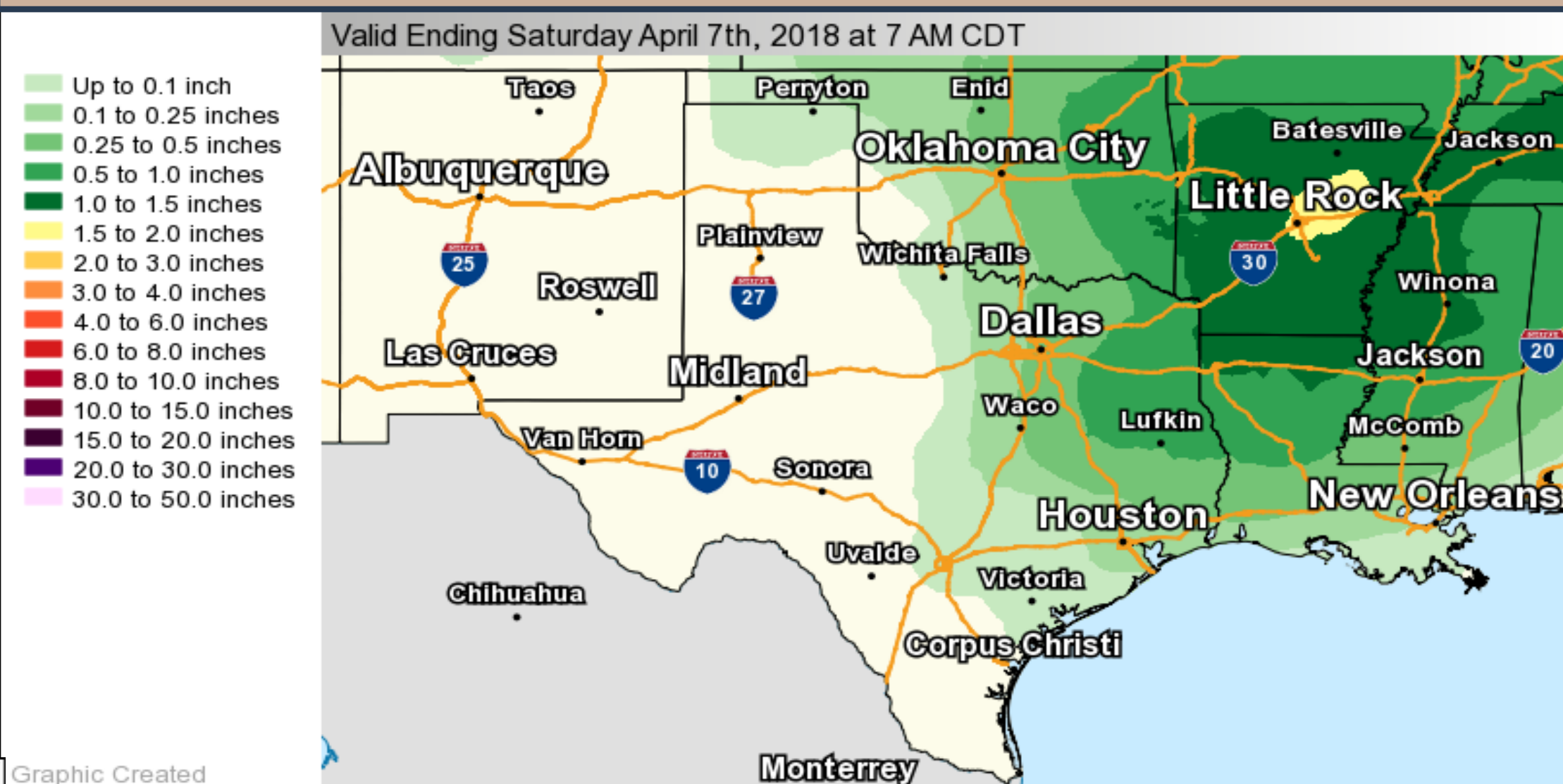


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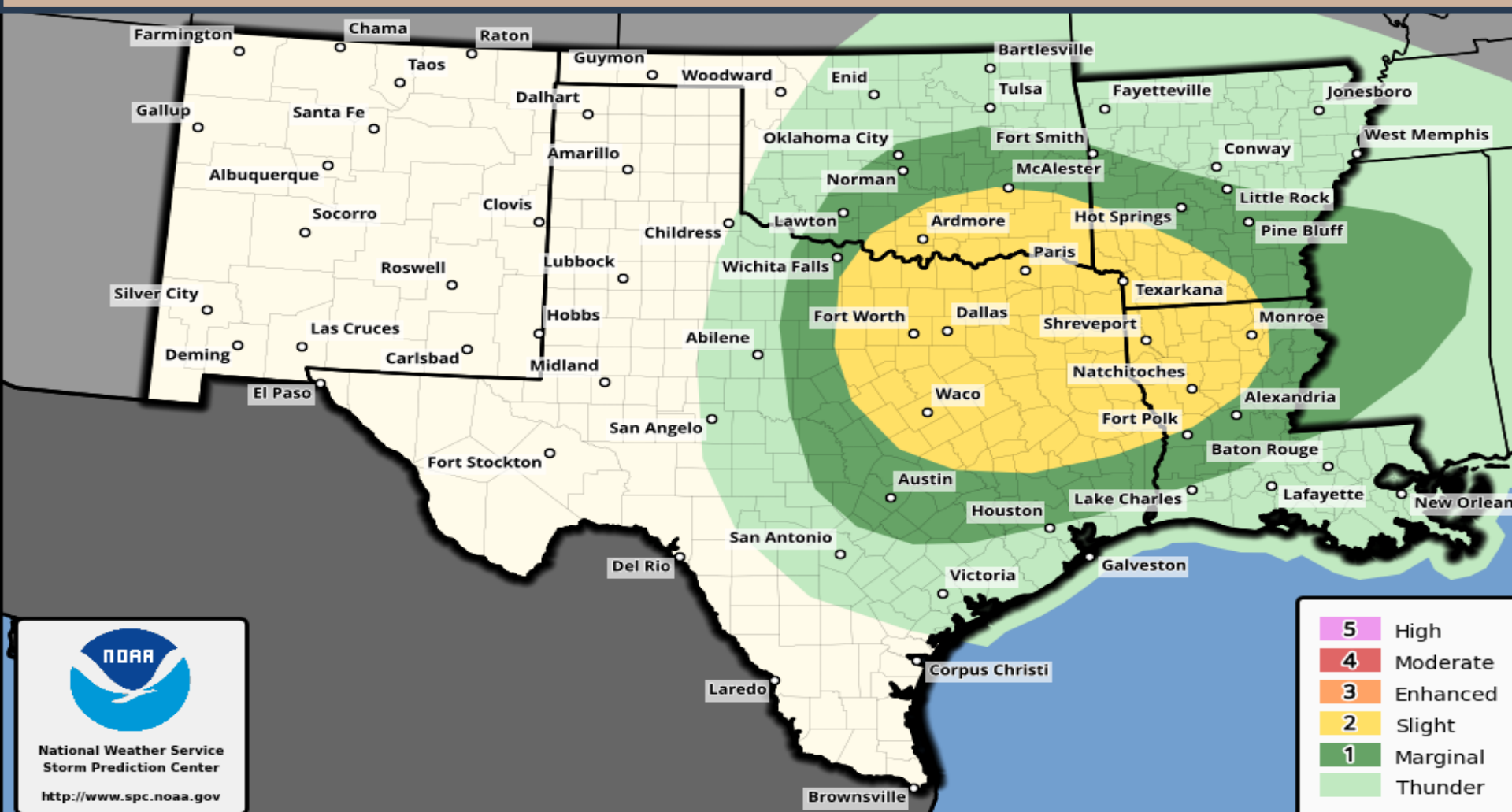


Forecasted Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

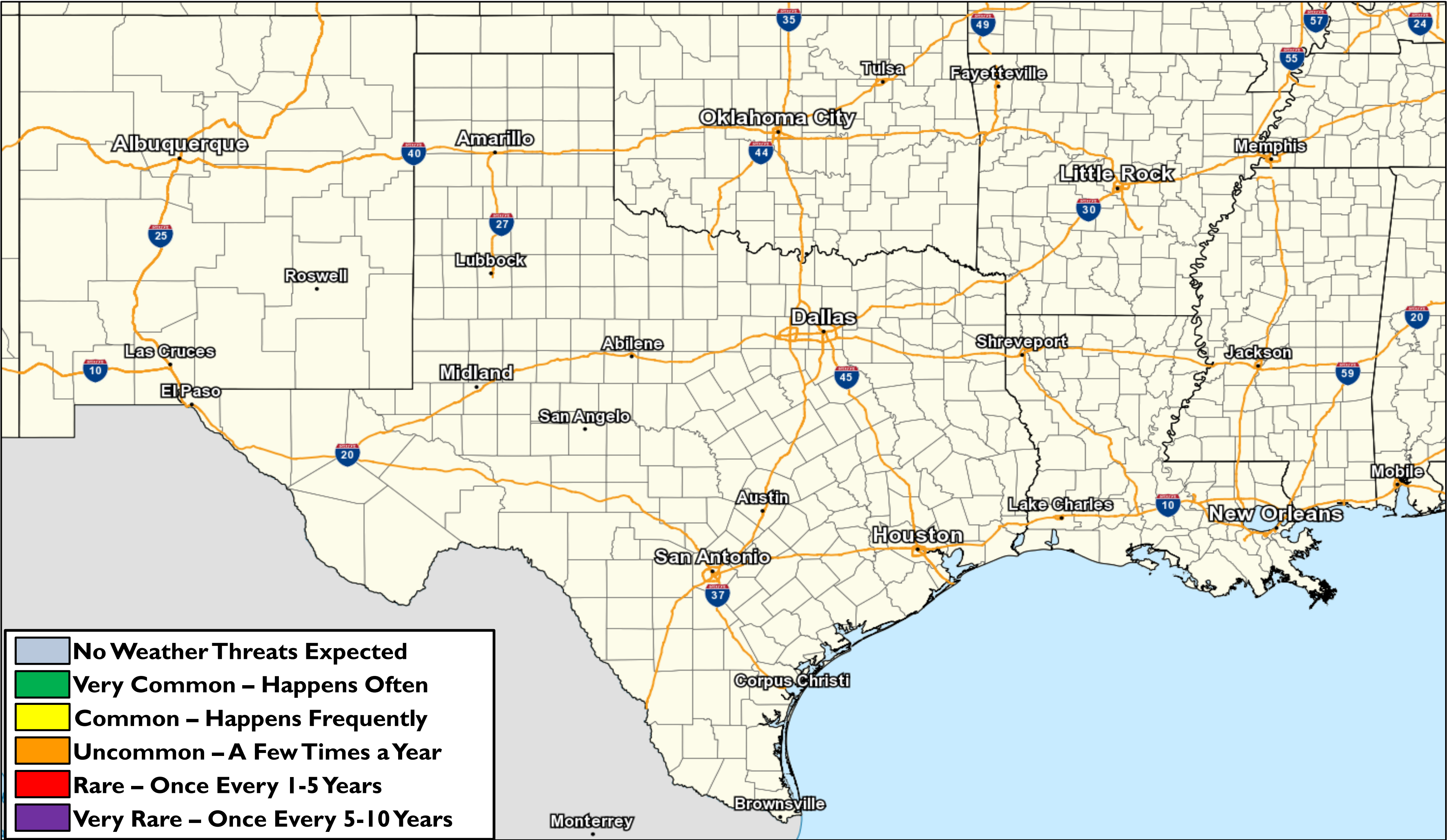


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday- Sunday



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No significant weather impacts

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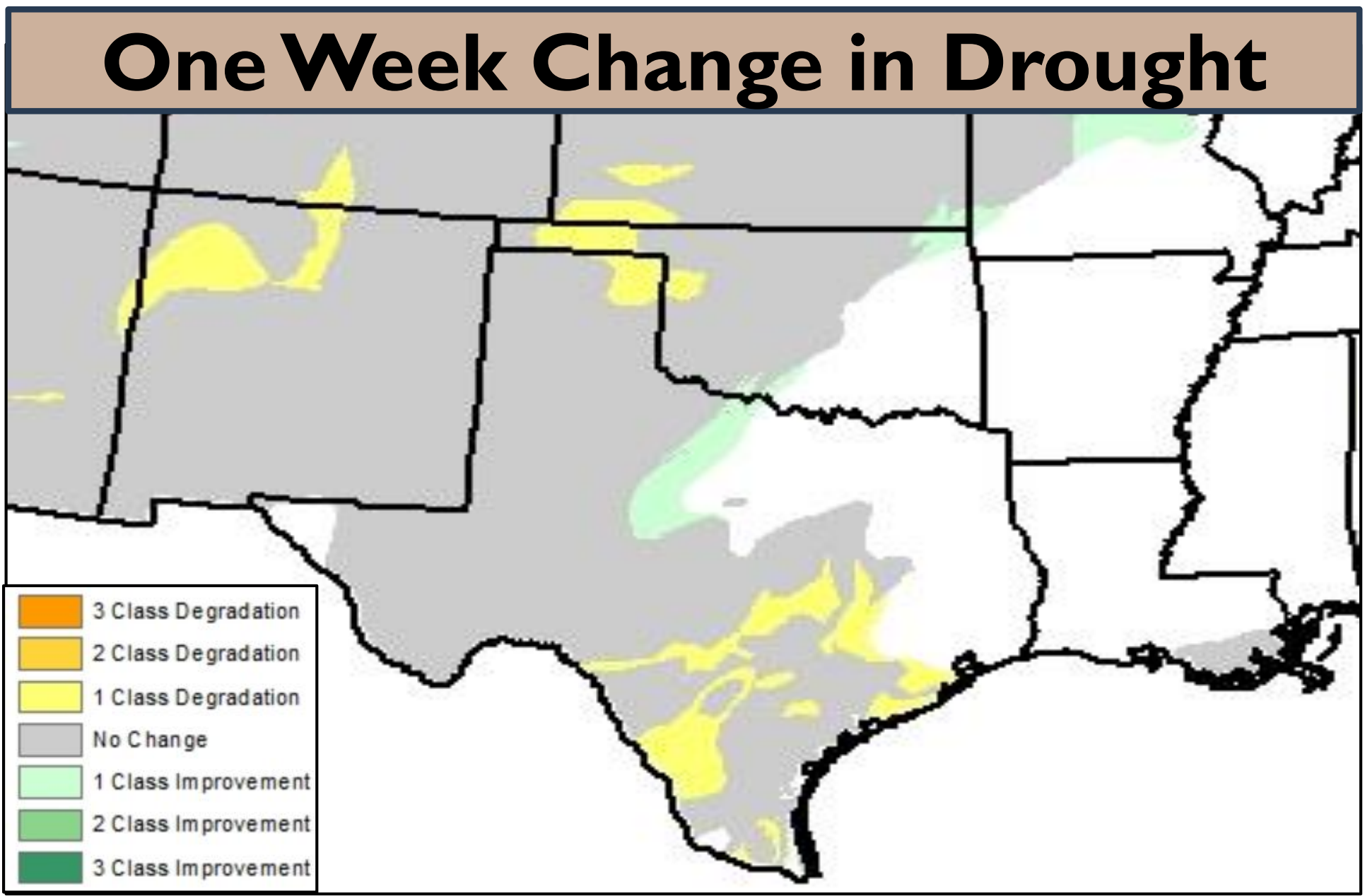
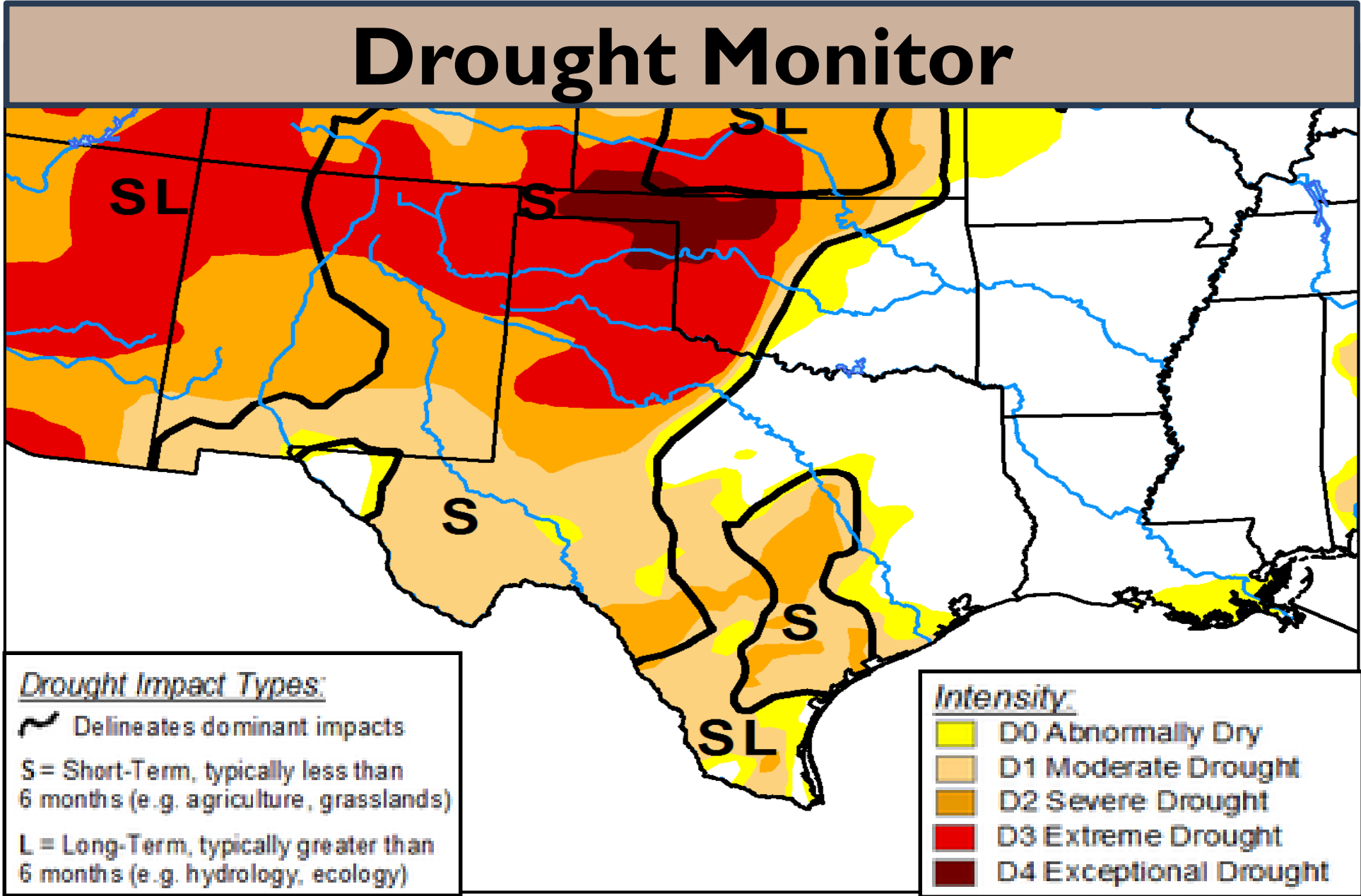
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Drought Monitor (Released Mar 29th, 2018)



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Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday, March 27th, 2018



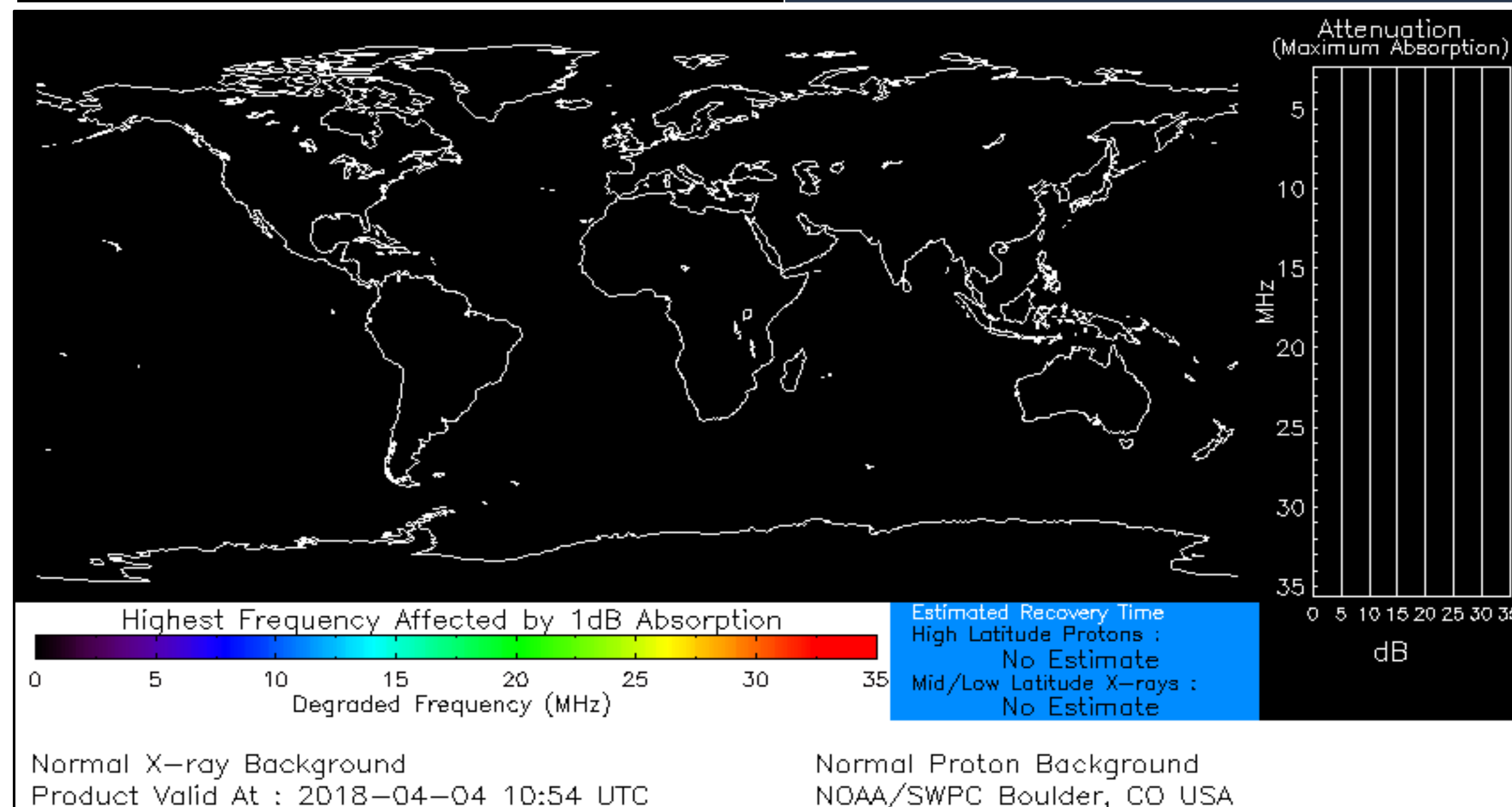
Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)				
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	42.40%	2.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	7.07%	0.00%
Oklahoma	34.93%	34.45%	3.12%	3.17%
Texas	14.19%	14.16%	0.76%	0.00%
New Mexico	25.50%	17.08%	0.00%	0.00%

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



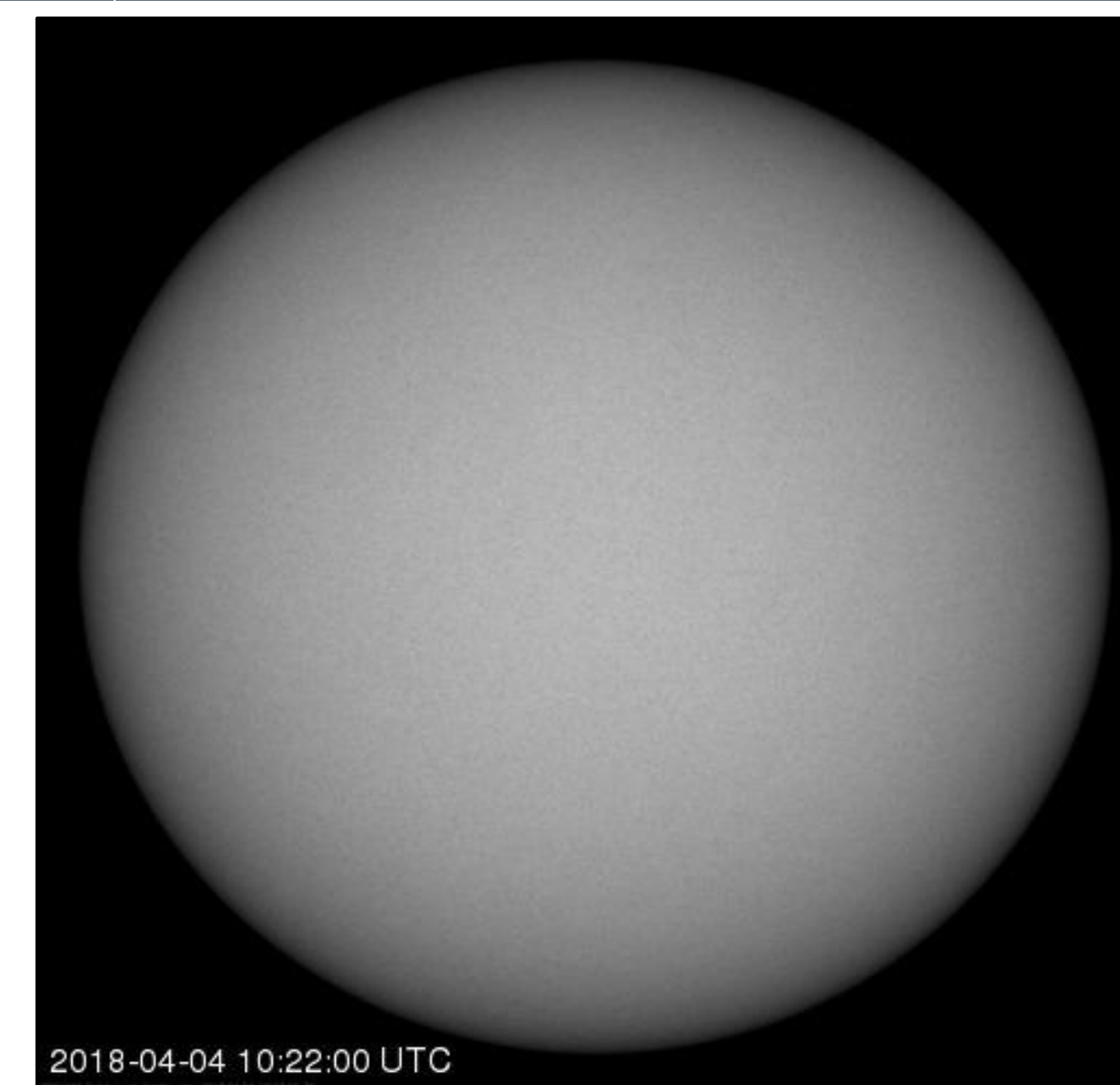
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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Weather “Threat” Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is to the left, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.